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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we held our second Personal Development day of the year. Every year group had a full programme of activities supported by many external visitors. Workshops varied from Road Safety for Young Drivers with the sixth form to Online Safety with Year 7. Tracey Barraclough joined the day as our guest speaker, sharing her truly inspirational story of resilience and determination in the face of adversity.

43 of our students, who have signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, had a full day of expedition training, including first aid, map reading and cooking outdoors. We wish them well for their trip planned for July.

Plans for Year 10 work experience are well underway, with many students already set up with a placement. In assembly this week we learnt about the varied work placement opportunities available at the Co-op headquarters in Manchester for our students. These include placements in IT and Digital, Media and Human Resources. The cost of train travel will be covered by the Co-op. Year 10 students interested in a placement need to complete a short application form.

We were incredibly proud to hear that we have been awarded the status of National Citizenship Service Champion School this week. Last year Co-op Academy Priesthorpe had the largest number of students taking part in the programme across the Leeds area.

The varied programme of enrichment opportunities available to our students help to support not just academic achievement but also a broad range of social and employability skills. It is fantastic that so many students grab every opportunity available to them.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Thursday 7th February

House Competitions 3

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Tuesday 12th February

Y8 Options/Parents Evening

Friday 15th February

School Closes 3pm for
February Half Term

Monday 25th February

School Opens – 8am

Monday 4th March

Careers Week

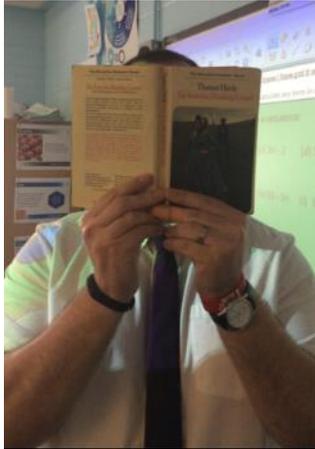
Tuesday 5th March

Y9 Options/Parents' Evening



Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



This weeks recommended read – Mr Durant

The Name of the Wind, also called The Kingkiller Chronicle: Day One, is a fantasy novel written by American author Patrick Rothfuss. It is the first book in a series called The Kingkiller Chronicle and followed by The Wise Man's Fear. I love fantasy books and this has great development and I love the story!



Last week's reader was ...

Mrs Rukshana from our Art Department!



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 95.9%

Y8 – 95.3%

Y9 – 94.6%

Y10 - 95.6%

Y11 – 93.7%

Overall School Attendance

95%



Personal Development Day

We had our second Personal Development day of the academic year earlier this week. Our students enjoyed a day of challenges and meeting new people from a variety of companies and walks of life.

Our Key Speaker was local lady Tracey Barraclough who shared her own personal experience and battle against Cancer with our students. We thanked Tracey for attending and she said; "Thank you for having me! What brilliant students too, they shared very personal things with me, as well as asking great questions. That's why I'm the one who ends up being inspired".



A Date For Your Diary as our Y13 Prom Returns!

Our Y13 students have been busy organising their leavers Prom for the past few weeks.

The date set is

Thursday 4th July

Time

7.30pm – Midnight

Venue

The Holiday Inn, Tong Lane, Leeds-Bradford

Staff are also encouraged to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students, some have been at Priesthorpe for up to 8 years!

See Miss Jackson for full details.



The Co-op Academies Community Apprentice 'The Dragons Den'

On Tuesday, our 12 School Council members pitched for £200 to support their social action project, which aims to tackle inter-generational issues and loneliness. The students presented their pitch to 4 members of the Coop Board, as well as to 5 other Coop secondary schools. The students did an incredible job and managed to secure the full £200.

Ms Nicholas, Assistant Principal said; "Our project involves students interacting with members of the older generation via a pen pal scheme. So far, the students have visited two Pudsey Live at Home groups and plan to visit a further two Farsley Live at Home groups next week. The students hope to further develop the project and aim to run a community afternoon in school where both generations are able to mix, share stories as well as get involved in a variety of activities together."

If you know of any older members within our community who would value a Y7 pen pal then please get in touch with us at school.



Enrichment Opportunity for Post 16 Students

There is an upcoming opportunity for our Post 16 students to take part in a 5 week course of sign language (BSL) classes with an external teacher.

This is a part of Post-16 enrichment

This will start w/c 11th February and there are two options for students to choose from: Thursdays 2.45-3.45pm OR Fridays 1-2pm.

